




# FARMINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

## POLICY AND PROCEDURE

	<b>Policy Number:</b> 242-12	<b>Effective Date:</b> 10/5/2015	
	<b>Subject:</b> Habitual/Serious Offenders		
	<b>Approved by:</b>  <b>Steven D. Hebbe, Chief of Police</b>		

### PURPOSE:

To provide general procedures concerning habitual/serious offenders.

### POLICY:

It is the policy of the Farmington Police Department to make every effort to identify persons arrested by the Department who can be classified as habitual offenders.

### PROCEDURE:

For procedural purposes the habitual/serious offender shall be defined as those offenders who are repeatedly arrested for serious offenses such as:

1. Felonies, including charges later upgraded to felonies;
2. Misdemeanor offenses that suggest patterns of a career criminal such as, but not limited to, shoplifting, theft, prostitution, etc;
3. Habitual juvenile offenders;
4. Persons with two or more arrests involving the use of any narcotic or controlled substance.

### **Identifying Habitual/Serious Offenders:**

Detectives/Officers will attempt to identify habitual offenders as defined by NMSA 31-18-17, Habitual Offenders, through N.C.I.C., Inter-State Identification Index (III), and Records and Identification (R & I).

In cases which meet the above criteria the arresting/investigating officer must notify the prosecuting attorney by attaching the criminal history to the report that will be forwarded to the District Attorney's office.

In cases which involve other agencies, communication is of the utmost importance. Every effort should be made to assure all information is shared and all charges filed.